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## Music classes offer rock, world beat to all fans and scholars

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For all those music-loving students who would rather not turn off their stereos or remove their earphones before heading to class, the University offers three alternatives: world popular music and a pair of rock history classes.

These three-credit music school classes are taught every term by Dr. Paul Friedlander, a former rock performer.

The world popular music class, a new class, focuses on reggae, salsa, African, Indian, Soviet, European and Chinese music.

The History of Rock Music I concentrates on the blues, Elvis, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and The Who. The History of Rock Music II moves on to music from the '60s to the '80s, including punk, new music, Dylan, Hendrix, San Francisco sounds, soul and Motown.

There is a \$75 fee to enroll in

each of these classes. "They've always been self-supporting classes," Friedlander explained.

"We started the classes back in 1979," said Friedlander, who is one of the few rock scholars in the country.

After having been on the road as a rock musician and later earning his master's degree from Columbia University, he decided to combine music and teaching and develop a curriculum in rock music history at the University.

The classes are taught on two levels — musical and societal.

"The classes are a chronological overview of rock, starting with an old black man on a back porch in Mississippi singing the blues, to David Byrne, to tomorrow's music.

"But the classes also offer an interdisciplinary perspective where we not only talk about the text of the music, but (we) also talk about how it fits into the social context," Friedlander said.



Photo by Andre Kamieri

**Dr. Paul Friedlander, a former music performer, will teach three courses in music this term, two of them on the history of rock**

"You have to look at this music in its societal context," he added. "You can't take rock out of its political and cultural surroundings."

These classes are unique on campus and throughout the Northwest, but they are important. Music has always played an important part in people's lives and these classes offer students a chance to study something they have always been exposed to.

"Rock has been the most important cultural element in the last 35 years - it has been the soundtrack of our lives," Friedlander said.

The class structure itself is

sort of a catch-all. "I lecture, we listen to music, discuss, watch videos, hold small group discussions and talk like a seminar class, even though there are 40 to 50 students," he said.

Class grading is based on an exam, a paper and class participation. "I demand that students be active participants," Friedlander said. "It's like what The Beatles said. 'The class you take is the class you make.'"

"This is a varied approach and it's the widest way to teach the subject," he explained. "Students begin to reach deeper into understanding the music."

As with all classes, there is always something that makes teaching the class enjoyable and well as indicating class success.

Friedlander said that this point comes "when the students start acting like they're students in the '60s instead of students in the '90s, and they start aggressively challenging the ideas, as opposed to being spoon fed the information."

All three classes offer University students the opportunity to study a subject that easily and naturally combines education and entertainment. For more information call the School of Music at 346-3761.

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